

ENROLLED SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 66

ENACTED BY THE 2<sup>ND</sup> REGULAR SESSION OF THE  
56<sup>TH</sup> LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA  
NUMBERED BY THE SECRETARY OF STATE

**STATE QUESTION NUMBER 798**

**LEGISLATIVE REFERENDUM NUMBER 372**

RECEIVED: 04/26/2018

# Resolution

ENROLLED SENATE  
JOINT  
RESOLUTION NO. 66

By: Pugh of the Senate

and

Lepak of the House

A Joint Resolution directing the Secretary of State to refer to the people for their approval or rejection a proposed amendment to the Constitution of the State of Oklahoma by adding a new Section 3.1 to Article VI of the Constitution of the State of Oklahoma; providing for the Governor and Lieutenant Governor to be elected jointly; authorizing the Legislature to enact procedure; providing ballot title; and directing filing.

SUBJECT: Joint nomination and election

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE 2ND SESSION OF THE 56TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE:

SECTION 1. The Secretary of State shall refer to the people for their approval or rejection, as and in the manner provided by law, the following proposed amendment to the Constitution of the State of Oklahoma by adding a new Section 3.1 to Article VI, to read as follows:

Section 3.1. Beginning with the General Election held in 2026 and in each General Election for Governor and Lieutenant Governor held thereafter, one vote shall be cast for the candidates for those positions of the same political party. The Legislature, by law,

shall provide the procedure for the joint nomination and election of candidates for Governor and Lieutenant Governor.

SECTION 2. The Ballot Title for the proposed Constitutional amendment as set forth in SECTION 1 of this resolution shall be in the following form:

BALLOT TITLE

Legislative Referendum No. 372 State Question No. 798

THE GIST OF THE PROPOSITION IS AS FOLLOWS:

This measure amends the Oklahoma Constitution. It adds a new Section 3.1 to Article 6. It deals with the Offices of Governor and Lieutenant Governor. It would provide that a voter would cast one vote for both of these offices. The persons running for these offices would run as a team. The procedure for the joint nomination and election of candidates for those offices would be set by law. This would begin in 2026.

SHALL THE PROPOSAL BE APPROVED?

FOR THE PROPOSAL — YES \_\_\_\_\_

AGAINST THE PROPOSAL — NO \_\_\_\_\_

SECTION 3. The President Pro Tempore of the Senate shall, immediately after the passage of this resolution, prepare and file one copy thereof, including the Ballot Title set forth in SECTION 2 hereof, with the Secretary of State and one copy with the Attorney General.

Passed the Senate the 25th day of April, 2018.

*Evelyn Finkel*  
Presiding Officer of the Senate

Passed the House of Representatives the 23rd day of April, 2018.

*Elisabeth*  
Presiding Officer of the House  
of Representatives

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE

Received by the Office of the Secretary of State this 26<sup>th</sup>  
day of April, 20 18, at 1:50 o'clock P. M.  
By: *Paul Wall*

Tod Wall  
Secretary of State



Mary Fallin  
Governor

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April 27, 2018

ATTORNEY GENERAL

**Hand Delivered**

The Honorable Mike Hunter  
Oklahoma State Attorney General  
313 NE 21st Street  
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73105

**Re: State Question 798, Legislative Referendum 372**  
**Subject: Joint nomination and election (SJR 66)**

Dear Attorney General Hunter:

You are hereby notified that Enrolled Senate Joint Resolution 66 was received in the Office of the Secretary of State on April 26, 2018. This resolution has been designated as **State Question Number 798, Legislative Referendum Number 372**.

Pursuant to 34 O.S. §9(C), this office is submitting the proposed ballot title to you for review. Please find enclosed a true and exact copy of Enrolled Senate Joint Resolution 66 on record with the Secretary of State.

If our office may be of any further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,

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Tod Wall  
Secretary of State



MIKE HUNTER  
ATTORNEY GENERAL

May 4, 2018

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**Re: Ballot Title for State Question No. 798, Legislative Referendum No. 372**

Dear Sirs:

In accordance with the provisions of 34 O.S.Supp.2017, § 9(C), we have reviewed the proposed ballot title for the above-referenced State Question and conclude that it does not comply with applicable laws because it does not completely explain the effects of the proposition in the following ways:

1. It does not specify that Governor and Lieutenant Governor running together must be from the same party; and



2. It does not explain that the Legislature is required to provide a procedure for the joint nomination and election of candidates for Governor and Lieutenant Governor.

Having found that the ballot title does not comply with applicable laws, we will, in accordance with the provisions of 34 O.S.Supp.2017, § 9(C), prepare a Preliminary Ballot Title that complies with the law and furnish a copy to each of you within ten (10) business days.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dawn Cash", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Dawn Cash  
First Assistant Attorney General



MIKE HUNTER  
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May 18, 2018

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**Re: Preliminary Ballot Title for State Question No. 798,  
Legislative Referendum No. 372**

Dear Secretary Wall:

On May 4, 2018, we notified you that the proposed ballot title for the above-referenced State Question did not comply with the requirements of 34 O.S.Supp.2017, § 9(C). In accordance with Section 9(C), we have prepared the following Preliminary Ballot Title. As a Title 34 ballot title review, the following does not constitute an Attorney General Opinion on the merits or





constitutionality of the underlying changes in the law, nor on the ability of federal law to preempt the changes in law. The Preliminary Ballot Title reads as follows:

**PRELIMINARY BALLOT TITLE FOR STATE QUESTION NO. 798**

This measure will add a provision to the Oklahoma Constitution to change the manner in which the Governor and Lieutenant Governor are elected. Currently, voters cast one vote for their preferred candidate for Governor and a separate vote for their preferred candidate for Lieutenant Governor. Under this measure, if approved, candidates for Governor and Lieutenant Governor from the same party will run together on a single ticket and voters will cast one vote for their preferred ticket.

The measure requires the Legislature to establish procedures for the joint nomination and election of candidates for Governor and Lieutenant Governor. If passed, this new election format will be used beginning in the 2026 general election cycle.

**SHALL THE PROPOSAL BE APPROVED?**

**FOR THE PROPOSAL – YES**

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**AGAINST THE PROPOSAL – NO**

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Respectfully submitted,



Dawn Cash  
First Assistant Attorney General



MIKE HUNTER  
ATTORNEY GENERAL

Dawn Elizabeth Cash  
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**Re: Final Ballot Title for State Question No. 798,  
Legislative Referendum No. 372**

Dear Secretary Williamson:

On May 4, 2018, we notified you that the proposed ballot title for the above-referenced State Question did not comply with the requirements of 34 O.S.Supp.2017, § 9(C), and on May 18, 2018, we prepared a preliminary ballot title in accordance with that Section. We have now prepared the following Final Ballot Title also in accordance with Section 9(C). As a Title 34 ballot

title review, the following does not constitute an Attorney General Opinion on the merits or constitutionality of the underlying changes in the law, nor on the ability of federal law to preempt the changes in law. The Final Ballot Title reads as follows:

**FINAL BALLOT TITLE FOR STATE QUESTION NO. 798**

This measure will add a provision to the Oklahoma Constitution to change the manner in which the Governor and Lieutenant Governor are elected. Currently, voters cast one vote for their preferred candidate for Governor and a separate vote for their preferred candidate for Lieutenant Governor. Under this measure, if approved, candidates for Governor and Lieutenant Governor from the same party will run together on a single ticket and voters will cast one vote for their preferred ticket.

The measure requires the Legislature to establish procedures for the joint nomination and election of candidates for Governor and Lieutenant Governor. If passed, this new election format will be used beginning in the 2026 general election cycle.

**SHALL THE PROPOSAL BE APPROVED?**

**FOR THE PROPOSAL – YES**

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**AGAINST THE PROPOSAL – NO**

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Respectfully submitted,



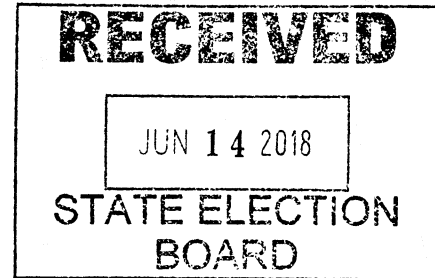
Dawn Cash  
First Assistant Attorney General

James A. Williamson  
Secretary of State



Mary Fallin  
Governor

June 14, 2018



The Honorable Paul Ziriaux  
Secretary, State Election Board  
State Capitol, Room G28  
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73105

**Re: State Question 798, Legislative Referendum 372 (SJR 66)**  
**Subject: Joint nomination and election**

Dear Secretary Ziriaux:

In accordance with the provisions of 34 O.S. § 9(C)(2), I herewith transmit State Question 798, Legislative Referendum 372 and attest that the enclosed copy of Senate Joint Resolution 66 is a true and accurate copy of the measure on record with this office. Also enclosed is a true and accurate copy of the Final Ballot Title, as prepared by the Attorney General.

If our office may be of any further assistance, please do let us know.

Sincerely,

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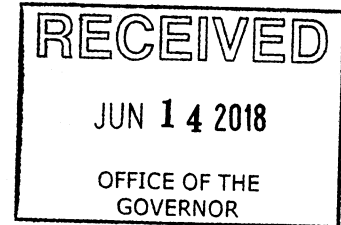
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Mary Fallin  
Governor

June 14, 2018



The Honorable Mary Fallin  
Governor, State of Oklahoma  
State Capitol, Room 212  
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73105

**Re: State Question 798, Legislative Referendum 372 (SJR 66)**  
**Subject: Joint nomination and election**

Dear Governor Fallin:

Pursuant to 34 O.S. § 9(C)(2), the Secretary of State has transmitted to the Secretary of the State Election Board an attested copy of the above referenced measure and a copy of the Attorney General's Final Ballot Title. Please find enclosed a true and accurate copy of SJR 66, as recorded in this office, a copy of the transmittal letter addressed to the Secretary of the State Election Board, and a true and accurate copy of the Attorney General's Final Ballot Title on record with this office.

If there are any questions, please do not hesitate to contact our office.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "James A. Williamson".

James A. Williamson  
Secretary of State



Mary Fallin  
Governor

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JUL 27 2018

OKLAHOMA SECRETARY  
OF STATE

**EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT  
EXECUTIVE PROCLAMATION**

I, Mary Fallin, Governor of the State of Oklahoma, pursuant to the provisions of Section 1 of Article 24 of the Oklahoma Constitution, and the referral by the Secretary of State, do hereby declare that legislative referendum Number 372, State Question 798, be submitted to qualified electors of the State of Oklahoma for their approval or rejection at an election to be held statewide on the general election date of November 6, 2018.

The substance of the measure amends the Oklahoma Constitution from the current separate election of Governor and Lieutenant Governor to the joint nomination and election of the Governor and Lieutenant Governor.

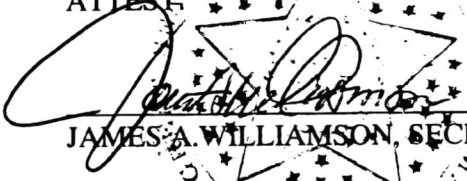
Copies of this Executive Proclamation shall be delivered to the Secretary of State, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, the President Pro Tempore of the Senate, and the Secretary of the State Election Board.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Oklahoma to be affixed at Oklahoma City, Oklahoma this 27 day of July, 2018

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA

  
MARY FALLIN

ATTEST

  
JAMES A. WILLIAMSON, SECRETARY OF STATE